GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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EMPLOYEES PENSION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers ceased their membership of E.P.F. scheme between 1995-96 and 1998-99 as well as the number of pension benificiaries as on March 21, 1999;

(b) whether a large number of employees covered under pension scheme are not getting their due pension for the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) : During the period between 1995-96 and 1998-99, there were 4,94,102 persons who applied for payment of pension under the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995. Number of cases settled for pension benefits during the said period was 2,92,600. Under the Emplyees Pension Scheme, 1995, pension claims complete in all respects are required to be settled within a period of 30 days from the date of their receipt in the concerned EPF office. However, sometimes, settlement of claims is delayed due to incomplete application forms, lack of succession certificate, photographs etc. Sometimes a claim is rejected as the same is not admissible under the scheme. According to available information, necessary arrangement has been made, to ensure payment of pension on monthly basis to the eligible persons. In order to provide prompt service to the EPF subscribers,a massive computerisation programme has been launched in the EPF Organisation.